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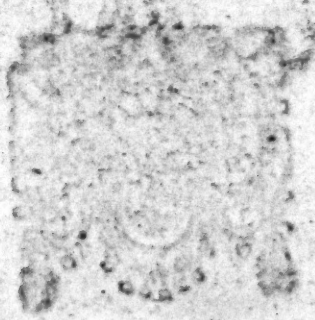
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the last day of Nouember 1640. When the
Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament (assisted
with the greater part of the Knights, and Burgesses) had pre-

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uour, in preventing and reforming of sundry grie-
uances, by abuse of many grants, commonly

called *MONOPOLIES*. The same be-
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as follows, to be read publicly
set it downe.

And this is our

Mr. Speaker,

WE perceiue

by you, whome

we did constitute

the mouth of our

Lower House,

howe with even

consent they are
fallen into the due consideration of the
precious

precious gift of thankfulness, most
usually least esteemed, where it is best
deserved. And therefore we charge
you tell them how acceptable such sa-
crifice is woorthily receiued of a louing
King, who doubteth much whether the
giuen thanks can be of more poise then
the owed is to them: and suppose that
they haue done more for vs, then they
themselves beleue. And this is our
reason: Who keeps their Soueraigne
from the lapse of error, in which, by ig-
norance, and not by intent, they might
haue fallen; what thanke they deserue,
we know, though you may gesse. And as
nothing is more deere to vs then the lo-
uing cōseruation of our subiects hearts,
What an undeserued doubt might we
haue incurred, if the abusers of our
liberality, the thrallers of our people,
the

the wringers of the poore, had not bene tolde vs! which, ere our heart or hand should agree vnto, we wish we had neither: and do thanke you the more, supposing that such griefes touch not some amongst you in particular. We trust there resides, in their conceits of vs, no such simple cares of their good, whome we so deerly prise, that our hand should passe ought that might iniure any, though they doubt not it is lawfull for our kingly state to grant gifts of sundry sorts of whome we make election, either for seruice done, or merit to be deserued, as being for a King to make choise on who to bestow benefits, more to one then another. You must not beguile your selues, nor wrong vs, to thinke that the glosing lustre of a glistering glory of a Kings title may so extoll vs, that we thinke all

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is lawfull what we list, not caring what
we doe: Lord, how farre should you be
off from our conceits! For our part we
now vnto you, that we suppose Phys-
cians aromaticall saours, which in the
top of their potion they deceiue the Pa-
tient with, or gilded drugges that they
couer their bitter sweet with, are not
more beguilers of senses, then the van-
ting boast of a kingly name may de-
ceiue the ignorant of such an office. I
grant, that such a Prince as cares but
for the dignity, nor passes not how the
raines be guided, so be rule, to such a
one it may seeme an easie businesse.
But you are cumbered (I dare assure)
with no such Prince, but such a one, as
lookes how to giue account afore ano-
ther Tribunal seat then this world af-
fords, and that hopes, that if wee dis-
charge

charge with conscience what he biddes;
 will not lay to our charge the fault
 that our Substitutes (not being our
 crime) fall in. We thinke our selues
 most fortunately borne vnder such a
 starre, as we haue bene inabled by Gods
 power to haue saued you vnder our
 reigne, from forreigne foes, from Ty-
 rants rule, and from your owne ruine;
 and doe confesse, that wee passe not so
 much to be a Queene, as to be a Queene
 of such Subiects, for whom (God is
 witnesse, without boast or vaunt) wee
 would willingly lose our life, ere see
 such to perish. ¶ blesse God, he hath gi-
 uen me neuer this fault of feare; for he
 knowes best, whether euer feare possesse
 me, for all my dangers: ¶ know it is his
 gift; and not to hide his glory, I say it.
 For were it not for conscience, and for
 your

your sake, I would willingly yeeld another my place, so great is my pride in reigning, as she that wisheth no longer to be, then Best and Most would haue me so. You know our presence cannot assist each action, but must distribute in sundrie sorts to diuers kindes our commands. If they (as the greatest number bee commonly the worst) shoulde (as I doubt not but some doe) abuse their charge, annoy whom they should helpe, and dishonour their king, whom they should serue: yet we verely beleeue, that all you will (in your best iudgement) discharge vs from such guilts. Thus we commend vs to your constant faith, and your selues to your best fortunes.



